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# U.S. pummels terrorist, military sites

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WASHINGTON -- U.S. aircraft and Tomahawk cruise missiles hit 85 percent of their 31 targets during the first two days of strikes against the Al Qaeda terrorist network and Taliban support structure inside Afghanistan, DoD officials said Tuesday as strikes were continuing.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rums-

feld and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at a Pentagon press conference that all U.S. aircrews returned safely.

They said the strikes were the military side of constant pressure the U.S. government and its allies are putting on Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network and its Taliban supporters.

The strikes hit terrorist training camps, airfields, anti-aircraft radars and launchers, communications nodes and some military concentrations. Myers said the ini-

tial strikes have given the United States "air supremacy" over Afghanistan, and the secretary said the United States can now conduct operations over the country "around the clock, as we wish."

The strikes set the stage for a sustained campaign against Al Qaeda and its Taliban supporters. Rumsfeld said conditions make it easier to deliver humanitarian rations.

Myers said U.S. forces hit 13 targets with five to eight land-based bombers and 10 to 15 Navy strike aircraft. Additionally,

two ships and one submarine launched 15 Tomahawk missiles at targets in Afghanistan.

Two C-17 transports also dropped 37,500 Humanitarian Daily Ration packs to refugees within Afghanistan. DoD will deliver medical supplies to the Afghan refugees in the future. Rumsfeld said medical supplies would not be air-dropped.

Rumsfeld and Myers would not give specifics about future campaign plans. Rumsfeld said the air attacks would con-

centrate on "emerging targets" and hit them as necessary. He scoffed at reports that aircrews were running out of targets. "We're not running out of targets, Afghanistan is," he said. The United States and its partners would continue to exercise the utmost care in selecting targets to minimize civilian casualties, he added.

"If you try to quantify what we're doing today in terms of previous conventional

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## Marines delayed on way to Egypt

Card games, dominos dominate downtime in Belgium

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OOSTENDE, Belgium -- Three hundred Marines and Sailors had already been sitting in cramped quarters for more than 12 hours when they received word their trip would take a lot longer. On their way to Egypt for Exercise Bright Star-01 Oct. 2, the Marines' plane blew a tire at a Belgian airport, delaying their trip another 24 hours.

Instead of watching another movie or eating another airline meal, service members checked in their weapons and walked down to the lobby to escape their flying cell while waiting for the plane to be fixed.

Although most took advantage of the downtime to catch up on lost sleep, several military policemen were just beginning their work. They stood guard and protected the plane's cargo while

Marines and Sailors relaxed in the airport lobby.

"It's our job to work longer hours and guard the camp to keep the Marines safe," said Miami native LCpl. Francisco John, military police officer, Military Police Company, 1st Force Service Support Group.

The Marines' wait was extended again when word came that replacement parts had to be flown in from Germany.

The stranded service members played card games, dominos and constructed an American flag with toy building blocks. Scattered service members decided to catch a few winks while others talked about future plans.

"While we're waiting here, I'm keeping my Marines informed on what to expect when we arrive in Egypt," said Houston native Sgt. Darius Jones, combat engineer, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st FSSG. "Everything I know, they know."

The prolonged presence of some 300 American service members at the airport in desert cammies didn't sit well with local officials, so the Marines and Sailors were taken to a nearby army base.

On the trip to the base, the



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Camp Pendleton Marines and Sailors piece together an American flag during a 24-hour layover at an Oostende, Belgium, airport Oct.

weary travelers were treated to a commentary on the local history and other cultural aspects of their

host nation. In transit, the Marines and Sailors glimpsed Belgium's lush grasses and flow-

3 on their way to Exercise Bright Star-01. Bright Star is a multinational, biennial exercise in northern Egypt.

ing fields. "It was like a taste of history," Jones said. "We've heard stories

about service members that actually fought here in the past, and I

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## DeLuz site of historic move

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Like refugees leaving their homeland for a better life, families in DeLuz Housing began relocating their belongings to new houses just around the corner from their old homes Oct. 1. The moves symbolize a historic milestone in the migration to civilian-managed military housing -- an institution marked by allowances for on-base rentals and limits on free utilities.

The new homes are part of the first-ever private/public housing venture (PPV) here. The pact between the Marine Corps and the Hunt Building Corporation is touted as a revolutionary way to save taxpayer money and increase quality of life for military families.

More than a year ago, the Marine Corps awarded Hunt a contract to rebuild and manage DeLuz Housing. Hunt, with 15 years of experience in construction at Camp Pendleton, outbid four other companies and began building 200 new homes.

The homes' recent completion paves the way for the next phase -- renovation of old houses once occupied by many of those relocating families. Later,

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All together now



SGT. DAVID CHRISTIAN

Forty-six Marines from the 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, re-enlisted at Camp Las Pulgas Oct. 5. MajGen. James T. Conway administered the oath, punctuated by 105 mm howitzer fire.

SGT. MATTHEW SHAW  
STAFF WRITER

Although the Department of Defense reports that ecstasy use in its ranks is slowing this year, Camp Pendleton is busting more Marines and Sailors than ever -- at least in part because the base has a "dogleg up" on enforcement.

In March, Camp Pendleton was the first military installation to certify military working dogs in ecstasy detection. The base has five certified dogs, with two more on their way, according to Maj. William Montalvo, commanding officer of MP company, Security Battalion, Marine Corps Base. The Provost Marshal's Office credits 17 of this year's 51 ecstasy cases from January through June to the dogs. The busts include random urinalyses,

plus seizures at gates and in barracks.

The figures for the first half of 2001 put the base on a pace to eclipse last year's ecstasy busts by 7.5 percent. Ninety-four service members here were busted for ecstasy last year -- more than quadruple the total (23) from 1999.

The spike mirrors a national trend. Federal authorities seized 49,000 ecstasy pills in 1997 -- but more than 900,000 just two years later.

The drug, currently sweeping party cultures across the United States, is especially popular among adults ages 18-21 -- including service members.

"Ecstasy is on the rise in that we have had more positives than before, but it (ecstasy) still isn't the No. 1 drug (at Camp Pendleton)," said John J. Veneziano, Consolidated Substance Abuse Counsel-

ing Center director.

Marijuana is the leading drug here, with methamphetamine a distant second and cocaine a close third. Ecstasy is fourth.

Ecstasy also ranks fourth in DoD, which recorded 1,070 cases of ecstasy abuse in fiscal 2000, accounting for 5.6 percent of all positives in the DoD urinalysis program.

DoD plans changes in test protocols -- weekend testing, for example, said Deborah Rosenblum, the department's principal director for countermeasures. The services will also work together to see what messages resonate with service members and what tactics seem to work, she said.

Ecstasy, also known as X, E, XTC, hug, beans and the hug drug, is most popular at secretive dance parties called "raves." Raves were first encountered in

England during the 1980s and are now popular in the United States.

Raves are commonly advertised as alcohol-free, attracting underage Marines who don't realize the danger that lurks within, according to Montalvo.

The drug takes the form of tablets, capsules and powder. It is never pure and often mixed with caffeine, LSD, amphetamines or rat poison. A single dose costs between \$10 and \$30.

"It's a neat, nice-looking drug," Veneziano said, comparing ecstasy tablets to Tylenol. "If you were given a pill that looks similar to that, you would naturally think it's been manufactured in the same sterile conditions -- to the point that it looks safe."

Law enforcement officials consider ecstasy a "schedule 1" substance, grouping it with drugs such as LSD and heroin. Schedule 1

## Local leathernecks hit national spotlight

Sept. 11 attacks spur heightened interest in training

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STAFF WRITER

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, civilian media have acted on an increasing interest in military exercises, responding en masse to opportunities to report from Camp Pendleton.

The Consolidated Public Affairs Office's media section distributes news releases that offer reporters a chance to see how Marines train.

"When we'd send out a news release be-

fore, we'd get one or two bites," said SSGT. John Jamison, Camp Pendleton media office chief. "Now we're getting 15 to 20."

For example, on Oct. 3, 25 media organizations covered F Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines undergoing annual nuclear, biological and chemical weapons survivability training. A week earlier, a recon parachute jump drew more than 20 news organizations.

Along with local media from San Diego and Los Angeles, national media such as NBC, CNN, Newsweek and MSNBC have reported from Camp Pendleton in the past month.

"The stories are nothing special," Jamison said. "We're not setting anything up, and it has nothing to do with current events. It's everyday training.

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## Ecstasy busts climb here as dogs go on duty

drugs are defined by their potential for abuse and lack of medicinal

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# Pendleton gears up to develop civilian leaders

New program will include mentoring, peer evaluations and a host of classes

SCOUT STAFF

The Marine Corps has a rich tradition of developing strong leaders like Chesty Puller, John A. Lejeune and Mitchell Paige. Heroes who have proven themselves in combat are hoisted as role models, but less glamorous leaders who excel during peace are also recognized, both in the Fleet Marine Forces and in the supporting establishment.

More unsung are the "civilian Marines" who manage functional areas of Camp Pendleton, performing facilities planning and maintenance, logistical support, environmental oversight, fiscal management and other duties.

Now, leadership training that has been a hallmark of the Marine Corps is being adapted to the civilian community here through the Civilian Leadership Development (CLD) Program, a Department of the Navy initiative to develop civilian leaders.

While leadership gurus debate whether leaders are born or bred, Marines take the raw talent recruiters send them and shape them into leaders and warriors through a process of indoctrination, education and example. Every Marine is trained to lead other Marines. Every officer and noncommissioned officer is honed in the art and practice of leadership.

Now, a similar approach is being taken with civilians.

Carol Chostner, director of the Marine Corps Civilian Human Resources Office, explains:

"CLD provides the opportunity for individuals to assess their potential for leadership positions in the Marine Corps," she said. "CLD is the framework for developing and selecting the future leaders in the Department of Navy."

Under the current program, participants begin by choosing a mentor. Marine Corps Base, Marine Corps Air Station and MCTSSA have trained mentors eager to assist aspiring and current leaders who want to improve their leadership skills and knowledge. After selecting a mentor, participants take a "360 degree" personal evaluation that provides feedback from their supervisor, peers and subordinates regarding their leadership strengths and weaknesses. The confidential information is processed and returned to the participant, who may elect to share it with his or her mentor to develop an action plan to improve deficiencies, strengthen existing skills and build knowledge. The plan, called an Individual Leadership Development Plan (ILDLP), should contain structured on-the-job training (OJT), formal classes, developmental assignments to gain exposure to new skill sets, team development opportunities and promote participation in external programs such as Toastmasters to increase speaking ability and confidence.

The Camp Pendleton CLD Team is ambitiously engaged in revitalizing the best aspects of the current program -- including sponsoring and hosting world-recognized speakers, conducting various workshops and seminars and mentoring. Moreover, the program is creating a breakthrough leader development process called "Leaders Developing Leaders." The concept promises the delivery of a revolutionary, career-spanning, multi-dimensional process that makes leader development part of the on-the-job experience that will require and teach leaders to actively develop their subordinates. The new concept is in the developmental phase; when completed, it will create the tools, provide the resources and instill the confidence in leaders to develop other leaders. The CLD team plans to unveil the process in February 2001.

The Camp Pendleton CLD Team, led by Col. Jan M. Durham, the base inspector, is excited about its offerings and training events for the coming year.

The team has developed a "road show" brief to familiarize leaders with the current program, and more importantly, to demon-

strate how the Leaders Developing Leaders concept will dramatically increase the ability of current leaders and best prepare future leaders. Military and civilian leaders are sought to become mentors and to assist the team in generating support for the program and offering suggestions on how to build a more-effective Leaders Developing Leaders process.

Talk to your supervisor about the program and call your directorate or command CLD point of contact for more information:

Future CLD Team offerings include:

- A mentoring skills class in November
- Noble leadership classes in January and June
- Project management class in February
- Four Roles of a Leader class in May
- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People classes monthly
- What Matters Most classes (time management) quarterly.

Watch your e-mail for exact dates and registration information.

There is also a CLD section at the Base Library with a variety of books, audio and videotapes on leadership.

For more information, call one of the following Civilian Leadership Development Team members:

- MCAS -- Tom Connolly, 725-8375, or Scott Thomas, 725-8492.
- MCTSSA -- Susan Crosswait, 727-3242
- AC/S Facilities, Sandy Guendert, 725-6507
- AC/S Logistics, Joan Matterson, 725-9057
- MCCC - Susan Sliger, 725-5893
- HRO and all other directorates, Sally DePrecker, 725-3798

## Changes of Command

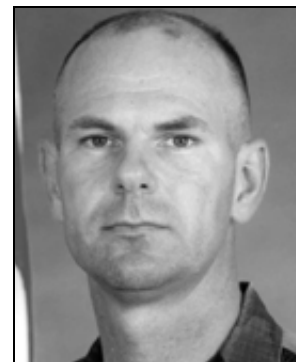


Col. Craig T. Boddington

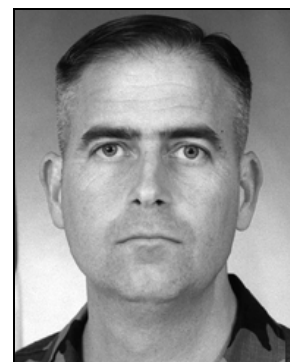


Col. Russell D. Doudt

Col. Craig T. Boddington will relinquish command of the 3rd Civil Affairs Group, Marine Forces Reserve, to Col. Russell D. Doudt Sunday at 2 p.m. at the 21 Area parade deck.



LtCol. James R. Trahan



LtCol. Alvah E. Ingersoll III

LtCol. James R. Trahan will relinquish command of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, to LtCol. Alvah E. Ingersoll III today at 10 a.m. at the 53 Area landing zone.

## Navy turns 226

Since their creation by the Continental Congress, the United States Navy and Marine Corps have served together from the raising our ensign at New Providence on 3 March 1776 through every engagement, battle, campaign, and war to the present day. We depend on Sailors in countless ways from amphibious lift and ship to shore maneuver, to medical and dental support, to engineer support, to chaplain support, to naval air and gunfire support. Wherever we have gone, whatever we have done, we went there with the Navy, and we couldn't have done it without your support. Through it all, we remain a team. Today, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton relies extensively on our Sailors to



prepare trained and ready Marines to go forward when our nation calls. Our quality of life support depends heavily on Sailors. The dedication and professionalism of our Navy brothers and sisters is witnessed everyday. Our Sailors and their families remain one with our Corps of Marines. We salute all our Navy comrades, past and present, on the occasion of their 226th birthday. We honor the valor and spirit with which you've served. We look forward to future service together as members of the world's preeminent military team. Semper fidelis. MajGen. David F. Bice, Commanding General.

## Halting Domestic Violence

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Peace at Home."

From 1997 to the present, the Marine Corps has had 7,922 substantiated cases of spouse abuse and 4,288 cases of child abuse.

Domestic violence affects the whole community. The most effective intervention is to prevent domestic violence before it occurs.

Marine Corps Community Services has prevention resources available including domestic violence videos and posters, and can perform briefs at the request of commanders and supervisors.

Commanders are asked to join in the campaign to prevent domestic violence.

All Marines, families and civilians are encouraged to become knowledgeable about domestic violence and to engage in prevention activities, classes and training to prevent domestic violence.

Submissions for Pendleton Points must be received by Monday at 4 p.m. to make that week's paper. Submissions can be brought to Building 1160, Room 113; faxed to 385-0053; or e-mailed to [lamaybe@mailcpp.usmc.mil](mailto:lamaybe@mailcpp.usmc.mil).

### DeCA scholarships available

Applications for the second annual Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available beginning Nov. 1 at your local commissary and for download at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

### Child care providers needed

Camp Pendleton's Family Child Care program is looking for "a few good family members" to become qualified providers. It's a chance to earn income while helping children during their crucial developmental years.

FCC staff will train new providers in CPR, first aid, sanitation, safety and child development.

Families needing daycare are reminded that using uncertified providers violates a base order.

For more information, call 725-9723 or 725-9549.

### Fall festival, crafters needed

Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School will hold its fall festival Oct. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Games, a giant slide, an air-filled bounce bubble and cake-walk will be on tap, along with crafts, plenty of food, a helicopter landing and silent auction.

Crafters can rent tables for \$10. Call 385-0712.

### Ohio recruiting opening

Recruiter assistants are needed in northeast Ohio for the last three months of the year. The 30-day assignment nets promotion points for those who serve. Call (800) 862-3431.

### Retired officers' ball

The Retired Officers Association will host its 23rd annual commemoration of the Marine Corps birthday with a military ball Nov. 3.

A five-piece orchestra will perform, along with the Marine Corps Band, with dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Prime rib headlines the menu, with birthday cake for dessert.

Dress is formal. Admission is \$30 per person. Retired MajGen. Claude Reinke will be the guest of honor.

Call retired Maj. Ray Schmidt, 728-5389.

### Preretirement seminar

Marines and Navy personnel (officers and enlisted) contemplating retirement within two years are invited to a preretirement seminar Oct. 16 through 19 from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Base Entertainment Center, Building 1339.

Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required. Call Val Valentine, 725-6207.

Seminars are also scheduled for Dec. 11-14 and Feb. 12-15, 2002.

### Program targets single parents

The base's New Parent Support Group is beginning a new group just for single parents of children 5 and younger. The group meets Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., at the Abby Reinke Community Center. It offers tips on balancing career and family and ideas on parenting without a partner.

Commands are encouraged to pass this information on to members who are single parents to assist with their personal readiness planning.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch to the meetings.

For more information, call 725-3884.

### Camp Del Mar detour

A portion of Imhoff Road, between Buildings 210730 and 210846, is closed permanently. The segment is being demolished to facilitate construction of the 12th Street extension, which will link Imhoff Road and C Street.

Beach access will be detoured to the south along 8th Street. Beach access via 12th Street is expected to be opened in November.

### Exceptional families sought

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory for families with a member who has special needs as a result of a physical, intellectual or emotional handicap.

For more information, call C.J. Donarski, 725-5363.

## Navy surgeon general visits



SGT. DAVID CHRISTIAN

Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Michael L. Cowan presents Sailors with their Fleet Marine Force pins. The FMF designation demonstrates that each Sailor has expert warfighting knowledge and practical experience in the fleet. Each Sailor now holds the designation of Enlisted Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist.



# Second Front

THE SCOUT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2001

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## Lawyer on leave digs through WTC rubble

Separating local Marine drove 400 miles to help recovery efforts

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When Capt. David B. Ashe, military lawyer, stepped out of his 22 Area office for the last time as an active duty Marine Aug. 8, he expected to spend his terminal leave like most Marines -- visiting family and settling into civilian life. Searching for human life in rubble stacked 75 feet high, in the rain, next to a building ready to collapse, wasn't part of that plan.

Ashe, a Carlsbad resident, was visiting his family Sept. 11 in Virginia Beach, Va., when he heard the top of one of the World Trade Center towers was on fire.

He immediately tuned in the television news with his brother-in-law, who flies helicopters for Army Special Forces.

"My brother-in-law just said, 'Wow, now that they have our attention and the cameras are trained on the building, this would be the time for a follow-up hit,' and in comes the other plane," Ashe said.

"I could not tear away from the TV set. I was feeling a very desperate restlessness."

Ashe awoke early the next morning and immediately checked the news. "Hey, I'm not on another continent. I'm only 400 miles away," he realized.

Not wanting to worry his parents, he left a note on the kitchen table that said "Drove to New York, keep in touch, love David."

After renting a car, Ashe stopped at a hardware store to buy a hard hat, goggles and leather gloves. Then he made his way to Liberty Plaza, N.Y.

"I turned off my cell phone on the way up, which turned out to be a good thing. When I turned it back on, I had mes-

sages that said, 'David, wherever you are -- turn around now.'

"The truth is, they were right," he added. During his drive, he couldn't help but think that he was wasting his time. "I thought, when I showed up, they were going to say 'thanks, but no thanks.' The last thing they need is some yahoo like me on that little island. I figured I'd show up and leave, probably frustrated, but glad I tried."

When Ashe reached Manhattan, the lack of traffic alarmed him. He heard a radio report about a volunteer center on 37th Street, so he parked his car and walked there.

"There were a couple of thousand people in a line that wrapped around a building. I thought they wouldn't let anyone to the site. So I went to the front of the line which was being run by National Guardsmen."

Ashe asked a National Guard corporal if he should bother waiting in the line. The corporal asked if Ashe was a steelworker or a fireman.

"For a second, I actually considered saying 'yes,' but people could get hurt by relying on some expertise that I don't have. So I told him, 'no, but I was a Marine for five and a half years.'"

"But I didn't tell him I was a lawyer," Ashe joked.

The corporal lifted the yellow tape and waved Ashe through.

At about 3 p.m., Ashe saw a police chief who looked like he was running things at the staging area. The chief told him to "take a seat" on the curb.

"A little while later, I saw a bunch of guys walking by with some hard gear on, so I followed them around the corner and asked, 'hey guys, where are we going?' They said a bus was coming to take us down to the debris area.

"We passed some kind of outward perimeter area and there were a bunch of people holding signs saying 'welcome heroes.' But I was thinking 'hero? I'm not a hero, I'm nobody, I'm just lucky to be able to do what these people want to do.'"

"Once we started getting close, it was about 4 p.m. and it felt like nighttime. There was so much ash in the air. Up to that point, nothing felt real. Way off in the distance, I could see upright steel support beams backlit by bright stadium lights -- the same scenes I'd been seeing on TV."

When they first got off the bus someone yelled, "masks on, masks on!"

"You could just feel the dust in your eyes and in your mouth," Ashe said. "It was really hot, too. It felt like 90 degrees just on the streets."

They walked around the south side of the buildings.

"Next thing I knew, I was standing there, on ground zero," Ashe said. "I saw a bucket line, so I stepped in and started passing the debris."

After several hours on the bucket brigade, Ashe found a shovel and made his way to the front of the line.

"I was up there shoveling for a long time," he said. "I had an awesome shovel. It was real narrow and I could get places other people couldn't."

He felt a burst of confidence.

"If we just turn these shovels one more time, if we pass one more bucket of rubble, I just know we'll find someone. That was the sense in the air."

Working around large, ragged chunks of concrete and steel, the workers continually ripped their leather gloves, boots and clothing. Ashe said they took just enough time to replace them before returning to the pile.

At about midnight, they were warned a nearby, weakened building was collapsing. People tried scrambling down and away from the debris pile, but the going was slow and dangerous. The building didn't fall, so the workers took their places back on the pile.

"At about 12:30, the rain started. All this wind came through, blowing new glass and dust off the buildings. Everyone turned to face away as glass pegged us on our helmets and in our backs," Ashe explained.

Then another collapse warning, followed by heavy rains that generated anxiety among workers.

"The rain was torrential," Ashe said. Workers were fearful that victims might drown in collecting pools of water, he added.

About 4 a.m., they found a dead person.

"He was mostly laying on his back. His legs were in good condition, but his upper body was pressed flat. I could have reached over and touched his foot. Most of his clothes were torn off him, but he still had part of a sportcoat on, and a wallet



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID ASHE

Capt. David Ashe made his way from Virginia Beach, Va., to the World Trade Center, where he cleared rubble and searched for survivors for more than two days.

in his breast pocket.

"The morgue people were really excited about that. It was pretty eerie," Ashe said.

Most eerie for Ashe was learning the victim's name.

"I've been thinking about him a lot. I keep thinking I'll see some information on him, and I'll see what he looked like," Ashe said.

At 5 a.m., 24 hours since Ashe had slept, he decided he needed a nap. With a couple of blankets from the Red Cross, he found a large doorway that sheltered him from the rain and wind.

"I slept cozy in that doorway," Ashe said. "I only slept for about three hours, but I felt extremely refreshed when I woke up."

After returning the blankets and eating, he went back to work with a shovel. He worked another day full of sliced gear and dashed hopes of finding

someone alive.

He was grateful for a chance to serve his country again in a big way, at a time when most Marines are all but done serving.

"I was on terminal leave when all this stuff happened. I kept thinking, 'I'm getting a chance to do what Marines do.'"



COURTESY PHOTO

A falling piece of the WTC left a gash in a nearby building.



COURTESY PHOTO

Workers scribbled messages on ash-covered windows.

## Marine recalls father's ordeal at ground zero

Intel Bn. corporal clung to confidence Dad would be rescued from the World Trade Center rubble

SGT. JOE A. FIGUEROA  
STAFF WRITER

On the morning of Sept. 11, Cpl. Stephen Reno was on his way to the School of Infantry here to learn skills needed as a close-combat instructor. He didn't know his arrival would start the most agonizing day of his life -- a day in which terror gripped the nation.

While in transit, Reno, a topographic analyzer at Production Analysis Company, 1st Intelligence Battalion, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, looked forward to a change in his daily routine -- oblivious to the horror unfolding in his hometown.

Meanwhile, Engine 65, stationed off 43rd Street in Midtown Manhattan, responded to an alarm. Reno's father, Armando, was among those hurrying off to the fiery World Trade Center. He donned his firefighting gear and mounted his massive red truck.

Here, Reno had just arrived at SOI, expecting to jump into training. However, the news had broken, and SOI, like the rest of the nation, stood still, gawking in disbelief as TV screens beamed

the surreal scene.

Like so many throughout the country, Reno was shocked at the attack; but unlike many, he had a personal stake.

"I thought my dad would probably be there. He was there the last time the World Trade Center had been bombed," said Reno, 24.

As Reno watched intently from across the country, the older Reno had arrived at ground zero.

Immediately, Armando dropped off the crew at the base of one tower and maneuvered the fire truck to a nearby fire hydrant. Jet fuel had burst all over the sides of the building and cascaded onto the streets below. Cars burst into flames before his eyes.

Without warning, the unthinkable happened. WTC Tower 2 rumbled loudly and collapsed, hurtling tons of debris to the streets. Time had stopped.

Meanwhile, at Camp Pendleton, Cpl. Reno watched as the tower collapsed. For the first time ever, he feared for his father's life.

"Every year you get a little worried. When something like this happens, you say to yourself, 'He's been doing this so many years, he's OK.' It may be a little naive to think that way, but that's the way I grew up," Cpl. Reno said. "I guess growing up with the occupation my dad has, it's what I've always known every time there was a pretty big fire."

Shortly after the collapse, Reno received a phone call and learned his fa-

ther had been on the scene doing his job when he became one of thousands buried in the wreckage. Under 15 feet of twisted metal, broken rock and shattered glass, he was barely alive.

Cpl. Reno quickly overcame his fear and stayed strong in his belief. He knew his father was alive. After all, his father has been one of New York's bravest and most selfless for 29 years.

"You always see people who hate going to work. I never saw that in my dad," Reno said. "In the 18 years that I lived at home, I never saw him upset about going to work. He was always happy about going to work. He loved his job."

"I remember when I was kid, I would go to work with him, and he would take me out on calls. I would sit in between the lieutenant and my father as we raced down New York traffic, honking horns, running lights and sounding sirens."

He wondered what could have been had he taken a different path in life.

"Before I joined the Marine Corps, I was at the (fire) academy with my brother," he said. "I made it through, but because I was already in the (Delayed Entry Program), I met my obligation and got a list number. I hope to join

the department when I get out."

Many childhood memories flashed through his mind. The fondest are family trips out of the city.

"We would go to Long Island to visit my grandparents, and because my father worked in the city, he would come out when he could," Reno said. "But when he did come out, he would take me and my (siblings) out to go-carts and the batting cage."

Even though Armando was dedicated to his job, he always made time for family.

"He is tough. He always said, 'You have to be book smart, but you also have to be street smart,'" Reno said.

"A lot of people have to look in the paper for a hero. I never had to look far. He is an unbelievable man."

On the other side of the nation, firefighters and rescue workers feverishly dug through the rubble. As they pulled back broken cement and twisted steel in search of human life, there came a voice.

After six desperate hours, Reno received word that his father had been rescued and was in critical condition. With a broken cheek, lacerations on his shoulder, a crushed ankle and missing teeth, he had proved to everyone he was guaranteed a place in heaven, be-

**"People that I grew up with are lost - really good men who are heroes."**

Cpl. Stephen Reno  
Topographic analyzer



# Lend an ear to living historians

BY SSGT. SKIP OSBORN

Marines of today have sprung from a long line of rough and rugged fighters who spent their lives making the world stand up and take notice of their ability to carry a fight to the enemy's doorstep and cram it down his throat. That's our history, our reason for existence. It's a living legend written in blood and bound by the oaths of our fallen brothers-in-arms.

Unfortunately, it's also something we easily forget.

There are many ways young Marines can learn about Corps' history. They can read it in a book, look it up on the Internet, or stand in the hallways of Marine Corps' buildings and take a gander at the framed citations of men they never knew.

In my opinion, none of those ways is good enough. They end up being just so many words and pictures scribbled in a book or on a wall. There's no feeling; no emotion; nothing for a Marine to grab onto.

To really know and understand the Corps' history, Marines need to talk to those who made it. Only then can they truly understand where they came from and what they have to live up to.

I got a taste of that living history at a mess night Friday, and I have to tell you there's nothing quite like it. When a living legend dusts off his dress blues, pins on a stack of ribbons that reaches to his shoulder boards and commences to fire off sto-

ries of the good 'ol days, Marines have a tendency to sit up and listen. I was no exception.

I'm not one who usually enjoys sitting through formal occasions, but mess nights are different. I found myself listening raptly to an old amphibious warrior who sported three Purple Hearts and a fist full of sea stories.

When that retired master sergeant mounted the podium, his eyes lit up with glee, and he became more alive than anyone I'd seen for a long time. He recounted events many of us had only read about. Then he delved into what was even more important: unwritten history -- those things only he and those he served with knew, saw, touched and could relate.

As he was winding down, you could feel the air in the mess get heavy with emotion. I, like everyone else, was so involved in his story that I didn't want it to finish. There stood a man who was coarse, loud, brazen and bold -- all of the traits I have learned to love and expect from an old salt.

What I didn't expect were his closing remarks. Like the rest of his story, they were short, to the point and right on the mark.

He said it's cold, dark and lonely out there. In fact, it's going to get darker. It will soon be time to look down deep inside ourselves and find the ever-burning light of pride and brotherhood the Corps instilled in every one of us. In times like this, you need

to rekindle that light to the blazing fire it should be.

He went on to say that our history, like his, would not be forgotten -- that the Corps would sing the praises of our deeds around the council fires of warriors-to-be.

That's what gives Marine Corps history flavor. It is what makes our Corps a living, breathing beast not to be trifled with. That history is part of who we are, and something we should not let perish.

With that in mind, I recommend that next time you see a living legend (any man who has survived his time in the Corps), give him time to tell his story. Invite him to your mess night (council fire) and hear what he has to say. I bet you'll be amazed at the yarns he has to spin.

And remember, someday, if you're one of the lucky ones, it could be you telling the stories. If you're not one of the lucky ones, you can rest easy knowing someone else will tell your tale.

*SSgt. Osborn is with the Consolidated Public Affairs Office.*

## Commentary

# A letter to mothers from the 24th MEU

Dear Mothers,

America holds its breath as it awaits word from the president or Congress on what our role will be in fighting terrorism. Some 2.65 million Americans, both active and reserve, serve in the nation's military. That means 2.65 million mothers anxiously wait and wonder as to the destiny of their sons and daughters.

Indeed it was tragic what happened on Sept. 11. Such an act is incomparable to anything in our history. The event has been likened to Pearl Harbor; however, on that day in 1941, it was this nation's naval fleet that was attacked, not thousands of unsuspecting civilians on a beautiful morning in New York. All we have been told by our commander in chief is to "be ready." "You will be called upon, and you will make us proud."

These words electrified a group of Marines watching a television via an intermittent satellite signal at 3 a.m. in the middle of the Mediterranean. The thought of finally utilizing years of training in the name of our country made those Marines feel needed, and that their training had not been wasted. An enormous sense of pride rushed through the ship, prompting everyone to take their jobs, their weapons, and their lives more seriously.

Undoubtedly, those very same words sent tremors through the hearts of these 2.65 million mothers. No one else can imagine the thoughts and fears of a mother, or father, on the fear derived from that level of love.

President Bush and others have said it likely will be a long, costly campaign. Costly not just in terms of "millions" or "billions," but in terms of "few," "some" or "acceptable losses." A few hun-

dred? Maybe a few thousand? Some of them? These mean nothing to a mother whose son or daughter is one of the few, and the loss is hardly acceptable. "Why did I have to pay?"

those mothers will cry. History has shown there is no sound equal to that of the mothers' collective cries. Their pain is felt by mothers across the world watching on their televisions, thankful to still have their sons and daughters.

Mothers, I beg you to understand. We do not seek violence or death. I look at America and remember the dozens of times I flew from city to city on commercial airliners. My biggest concern was what was being served for lunch. Such will never be the same for me again. When the World Trade Center is rebuilt, I will never be able to look upon it without shuddering at the ghastly images we have borne witness to. But my children will never truly know what we endured; they shouldn't have to. The next generation should know the word "terrorism" as fiction - something that took place in another land many years before and should never conjure the fear that flows through us now. The world, this nation, this military now have the direction and the power to put an end to this -- not to merely achieve justice for what has happened, but to prevent anything like this from happening again.

Mothers, your sons and daughters now have the power to make this a reality. We signed the contract swearing to "protect this country from all enemies foreign and domes-

tic." This generation thanks you for sparing us the fears of a global nuclear war with the former Soviet Union. We thank you for not having to worry about a raid through Europe by the now-defunct Warsaw Pact. We thank you for fighting the war against communism and raising us in an almost entirely democratic world. Now this generation has its own fight. This generation is ready.

We will lay down our lives if it comes to that. If it takes me and a thousand or 5,000 of my brethren to make that possible, so be it. If that's what it takes to know that when our sons and daughters board a plane, their biggest fear will be turbulence, then it will be done. We will make that sacrifice. Despite what many believe, our generation is aware of what the word "sacrifice" means, and we will make silent the criticism leveled at our generation.

Mothers, your sons and daughters fight for you, and for their country. Your sons and daughters love you. Your sons and daughters wish only for what we have wanted since our conception. We wish to make you proud.

All my love,

**LCpl. Timothy G. Apel**  
USMC, 0331 Machinegunner

## Letter to the editor

## Pendleton's past



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During the Korean War, Gen. Douglas MacArthur visits with the 1st Marine Division and Col. Chesty Puller.

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## This week in Marine Corps history

**Oct. 11, 1951 -- HMR-161 in Korea transported 3/7 in the first battalion-size combat helolift.**

**Oct. 12, 1917 -- The 1st Marine Aviation Squadron and 1st Marine Aeronautic Company formed in Philadelphia.**

**Oct. 13, 1965 -- Marine Attack Squadron 211 was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Gallantry Cross for Vietnam service, Oct. 13, 1965, to July 13, 1966.**

**Oct. 14, 1950 -- MAG-12 began operations out of Wonsan Airfield in North Korea.**

**Oct. 15, 1940 -- Orders mobilizing the Marine Reserve for World War II were issued by HQMC.**

## Scouting Around

“How can the Marine Corps improve marksmanship training?”



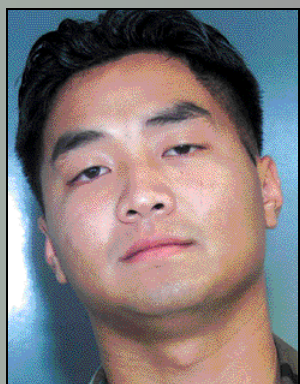
**LCpl. Joel Masicot**  
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“By adding more field firing with moving targets.”



**LCpl. Liza Portanenko**  
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“Marines should start focusing more on the snap-in process.”



**LCpl. Chris Phanpradith**  
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“By using the ISMT more.”

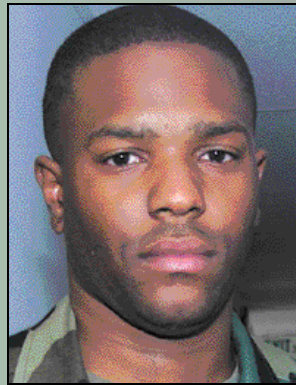


**GySgt. Edward L. Woods**  
Marine Corps Base

“More ISMT training and having coaches who have been to school.”



**SSgt. Daniel Quezada**  
Marine Corps Base



**Sgt. Derrick Johnson**  
Marine Corps Base

“Spending more time in the ISMT and snapping in.”





SGT. DAVID CHRISTIAN

MSgt. Clarence Banks, communications chief, Terrestrial Platoon, 9th Communication Battalion, helped paint the walls of the North County Lifeline building in Vista recently.

## 9th Comm. Marines volunteer, aid community

SGT. DAVID CHRISTIAN  
STAFF WRITER

VISTA – Ten Marines from 9th Communication Battalion volunteered their time to help improve the North County Lifeline building Sept. 25.

The Marines cleaned the building, painted walls and made repairs.

"We looked into volunteering to build that spirit of helping the community by making contact with people and accomplishing something," said MSgt. Clarence Banks, communications chief, Terrestrial Platoon, Support Company.

"We received a warm reception from the Lincoln Middle

School Band when we arrived. They played the Marine's Hymn, the National Anthem and thanked us for our service to the nation," Banks said. "I love it; this is what it's all about."

Lifeline was part of the Hands on San Diego 2001 project, which ended earlier this month.

"Lifeline had no volunteers, but they still needed workers to help with painting, cleaning and building. So our Marines answered that call," said Sgt. Chris Medenwald, 1st squad leader, Terrestrial Platoon. "It's always enjoyable when we

can pitch in and help make the community a better place to live."

Lifeline offers counseling services, youth mentoring programs and transportation for the disabled.

"It gives you a real sense of worth," Medenwald said. "If you ever want to feel good about yourself, start by helping others."

**"I love this; this is what it's all about."**

**MSgt. Clarence Banks**  
*Communications chief*

## Strikes

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wars, you're making a huge mistake," Myers said. "That is 'old think' and that will not help you to analyze what we're doing."

Rumsfeld agreed, saying the war against terrorism is a "notably different situation" from those in the past. Before, the tonnage of bombs dropped was a measure of success. Other measurements having nothing to do with the Defense Department can be just as important.

"The Department of Justice and associated agencies in other countries have arrested literally hundreds of people and are interrogating them," Myers said. "The Department of Treasury with cooperation from nations from around the globe have frozen a great many bank accounts and frozen

millions of dollars of assets that are connected to terrorist organizations."

He said State Department negotiations with friends and allies continue the diplomatic pressure on nations. This has caused some nations to break off relations with the Taliban, while others "are looking to themselves and their circumstance and the extent to which they might be seen to creating an environment hospitable to terrorists and making an adjustment to the way they behave."

"That is not going up on a scoreboard on Wrigley Field showing what's happening," Rumsfeld said. "But it is there, and it is growing, and it is adding pressure every single day. And what has been done ... by the Department of Defense is contributing to that. It's the aggregation of that, sustained over time, that will prove to be successful."

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## Egypt

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think that's amazing. I would have liked a chance to walk around and take pictures because the difference between Camp Pendleton and here is humongous."

Belgian soldiers warmly welcomed the United States military, providing a resting place for the Marines and Sailors. Some visitors broke out a deck of cards, some laid out dominos while others snagged a spot to relax.

Marines stretched out on a sun-drenched blanket of grass, forgetting their little spot back on the plane. Some even took a shower.

"The morale is pretty high. I haven't heard any complaining. (The Marines) just want to get

somewhere and do something meaningful," said Fort Lauderdale, Fla. native Capt. Owen Sanford, collections officer, Intelligence Battalion, I Marine Expeditionary Force.

The repairs were done about 24 hours later, and with the sun about to rise, Marines and Sailors began the final leg of their trip, their destination another four hours away.

The mission ahead: a multinational military exercise involving more than 70,000 military personnel.

"I think the delay was a good break in the tempo, because people were tense and this delay has kind of calmed everyone down a little bit," Jones said. "Everything happens for a reason."

## Media

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"What we're doing at Camp Pendleton is twofold -- we are showcasing Marines and we're allowing the public to have a firsthand look at the type of training we do."

According to Jamison, the coverage so far has been positive.

"Positive coverage boosts the Marines' morale, and it lets the public know that Marines are always prepared to accomplish

any mission that is put before them."

Increased positive interaction with the media now helps build a healthy relationship that will extend beyond our nation's current situation, Jamison added.

Some guidelines for Marines being interviewed by reporters:

- Be honest.
- Talk about your job -- what you know.
- Do not discuss anything that would compromise operational security.
- Don't speculate on future plans or operations.

# PPV

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old apartment-style homes will be replaced. In the end, 712 new or refurbished homes will stand in DeLuz — the first wave of the plan that eventually will upgrade or replace all 6,000 houses on base.

The PPV concept stems from a 1996 Department of Defense study on whether to renovate or rebuild government housing complexes.

"There just wasn't any money in the housing pool to maintain, renovate and build new units," said retired LtCol. Dave Houston, former deputy director of Base Housing.

The study spurred legislation to allow private contractors to manage government housing. Immediately, sister services jumped on the bandwagon and started their own PPVs.

The Marine Corps decided to watch and learn from others' mistakes.

"We wanted to make sure that we did things right the first time around," Houston said.

The DeLuz PPV is different from most because it is located on base, said Suzann Smith-Henriquez, project manager for Hunt. Some residents accustomed to traditional base housing procedures make false assumptions about the new arrangement, she said.

"Special challenges have arisen being the pioneering project for all PPVs," said Smith-Henriquez. "Things change

along the way and military residents are much more comfortable with 'black and white' responses and procedures.

"PPV is not run 100 percent the same as Base Housing. For example, the lease residents sign with the PPV property management company gives them and us more rights in the enforcement of rules, regulations, monetary issues and evictions."

Culture shock notwithstanding, residents will be happy to find that their Basic Allowance for Housing will pay the rent in full while providing a better living standard than non-PPV civilian housing, Smith-Henriquez said.

"Where else can you find a three-bedroom house for the Basic Allowance for Housing provided for a corporal in California?" she said.

PPV also ushers in a new utility arrangement. Residents' utility bills will be paid by management — but only if they stay below a baseline amount. Residents who exceed the limit must pay the entire bill, Houston said.

The arrangement is designed to encourage conservation, Smith-Henriquez said.

While saving the Marine Corps money, PPV will be a boon to customer service, Smith-Henriquez promised.

"Property management companies have the resources to maintain a project like a PPV," she said. "Our military is in the business of protecting our country. Let's not mix the two."

Wire Mountain is the next housing complex scheduled to go PPV. Groundbreaking is slated for 2003.

# Ecstasy

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value. Punishment for such drug crimes is much stiffer than for some other common drugs, such as marijuana.

Service members caught with Ecstasy or who test positive for the drug may face a general court-martial, a bad-conduct discharge, five years of confinement and forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

Camp Pendleton's problem with drug abuse is no more acute

than a comparable civilian population's, Veneziano said.

"We don't have any more drug or alcohol problem than IBM, Xerox or any other large organization," Veneziano said. "We are a reflection of society."

Comparing substance abuse statistics between the military and civilian sectors is difficult, according to Veneziano. The military does more to deter substance abuse and maintains accurate records of incidents, he said. Many civilian organizations don't have such proactive stances or maintain records, he said.

Ecstasy is dangerous. Findings of a primate study announced at a mid-July research conference in Bethesda, Md., indicated monkeys given the human equivalent of four daily doses of Ecstasy showed brain damage and behavioral changes two weeks and 18 months after the "binge." The effects noted are consistent with those observed in humans — memory loss and acute depression, among others.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse has reported that 11 percent of high school seniors have used Ecstasy, with 3.6 percent ad-

mitting use within the past month. *Armed Forces Press Service reports are included in this story.*





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SECTION C

# Hunting resumes -- but not for some civilians

Base officials scale back opportunities as heightened security pulls game wardens from the field

BRIAN LAMAY  
MANAGING EDITOR

A base hunting season that screeched to a halt in the after-

math of Sept. 11 is now over before it started for many civilians and shorter in duration and scope for everybody else -- but deer hunting has kicked off as scheduled.

Base officials handed down the decision late last week to bar non-Department of Defense civilians from entering the base to hunt. The decision stems from reduced manpower at the Base Game Wardens Office and concerns about weapons being brought on base, officials

said.

Base environmental officials relayed the news to about 20 hunters attending a Hunters Forum at the Joint Reception Center Saturday -- opening day for archery deer season. Fourteen archers had turned out by 9 a.m. -- the first hunters allowed to stalk prey on base since the infamous terrorist attacks on the East Coast prompted security crackdowns at military installations all over the country.

At least two hunters in atten-

dance at the Hunters Forum are among civilians eager to hunt here but being turned away.

Dale New, a Fallbrook resident, said he annually applies for a rifle deer tag through the state Department of Fish and Game's lottery, which awards 100 such permits a year for civilians. This year, his name was finally drawn, he said.

"I've been waiting seven or eight years and finally got one," he said. As it is, he'll miss "a perfect family opportunity,"

added New, who had planned to hunt with his two sons.

But it's those family opportunities that Vic Yoder is trying to preserve for his remaining game wardens. Yoder, game wardens supervisor, said seven of his 12 wardens have been pulled away to help beef up security around base. So they're not available to patrol Camp Pendleton's vast woodland areas, where they assist hunters while enforcing environmental regulations.

"We want you to continue hunting, but I don't want our game wardens working too many hours," Yoder said. "I want them to have time with their wives and families."

Yoder has only five game wardens available to oversee the hunt. The force reduction played heavily into the decision to scale back the program, he said. The decision means the

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# MCTSSA boosts playoff hopes

First-year squad beats H&S, gains two-game edge over MAG

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

Locked in a battle for the eighth and final seed in next month's All-Base football tournament, Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity got a break, then made one of its own on the way to solidifying its standing.

Earlier in the evening Oct. 4 at the 11 Area football field, 1st Transportation Support Battalion had knocked off Marine Aircraft Group 39, 16-6, giving MCTSSA an edge.

MCTSSA capitalized by beating Headquarters and Service Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, 14-12, to take a two-game advantage over MAG in the race for the final spot.

MCTSSA scored twice in the first quarter to take a 14-0 lead before H&S rallied.

MCTSSA scored on its first possession when Demetrius Quinnie caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Orbie Gilliam.

Tommy Cho added a two-point conversion run for a quick 8-0 lead.

"The offensive line did a great job on the touchdown pass," MCTSSA coach Gary Vaughn said. "They gave the quarterback a lot of time to throw."

Vaughn was pleased with the overall line play.

"They opened a lot of holes the whole game. They controlled the line."

MCTSSA	14
H&S	12

Later in the first quarter, MCTSSA took a two-touchdown lead.

The first big play came courtesy of the defense when two MCTSSA players hit H&S quarterback D.J. Johnson, forcing a fumble at the H&S 40.

One play later, Jeremy Geil blasted through a big gap in the middle of the line and didn't stop until he was in the end zone.

Vaughn said the play resulted from trial and error.

"We had been running sweeps and off tackle," Vaughn said. "It wasn't working. I got everyone on the sideline and told them that the defense was weak up the middle. We did it, the line opened a big hole, the fullback got through and we got big yardage."

H&S responded quickly. Jimmy Robinson ran the kickoff 34 yards to the MCTSSA 46.

Three plays later, Robinson beat the defense down the left sideline, then jumped high to haul down a bomb from Johnson in the end zone to cut the lead to 14-6.

H&S, missing its regular kicker, went for the two-point conversion. A pass fell incomplete.

The missed conversion proved fatal.

"Our kicker couldn't be here," Johnson said. "Normally we kick that. He makes them all the time."

Robinson said he knew the ball was coming his way.

"We practice that all the time," Robinson said. "It was a

good throw by the quarterback. The line gave him time to throw. That play was a practice thing.

We live right near each other. On weekends, we go out and practice."

Johnson said Robinson can turn a game on his own. "He leads the team in touchdowns," Johnson said. "He runs great routes and has great hands. He's explosive."

H&S cut the lead to 14-12 late in the second quarter when Johnson capped a seven-play, 48-yard drive with a 5-yard keeper. Johnson ran for 27 yards on three carries on the drive.

Johnson said he was expecting H&S to rally and win.

"We gave them two quick touchdowns," he said. "Once we settled down, they didn't score. We knew what we needed to do. We've been down against good teams before. We were down 19-0 to 11th Marines in the fourth quarter and came back and beat them 21-19. We know we can come

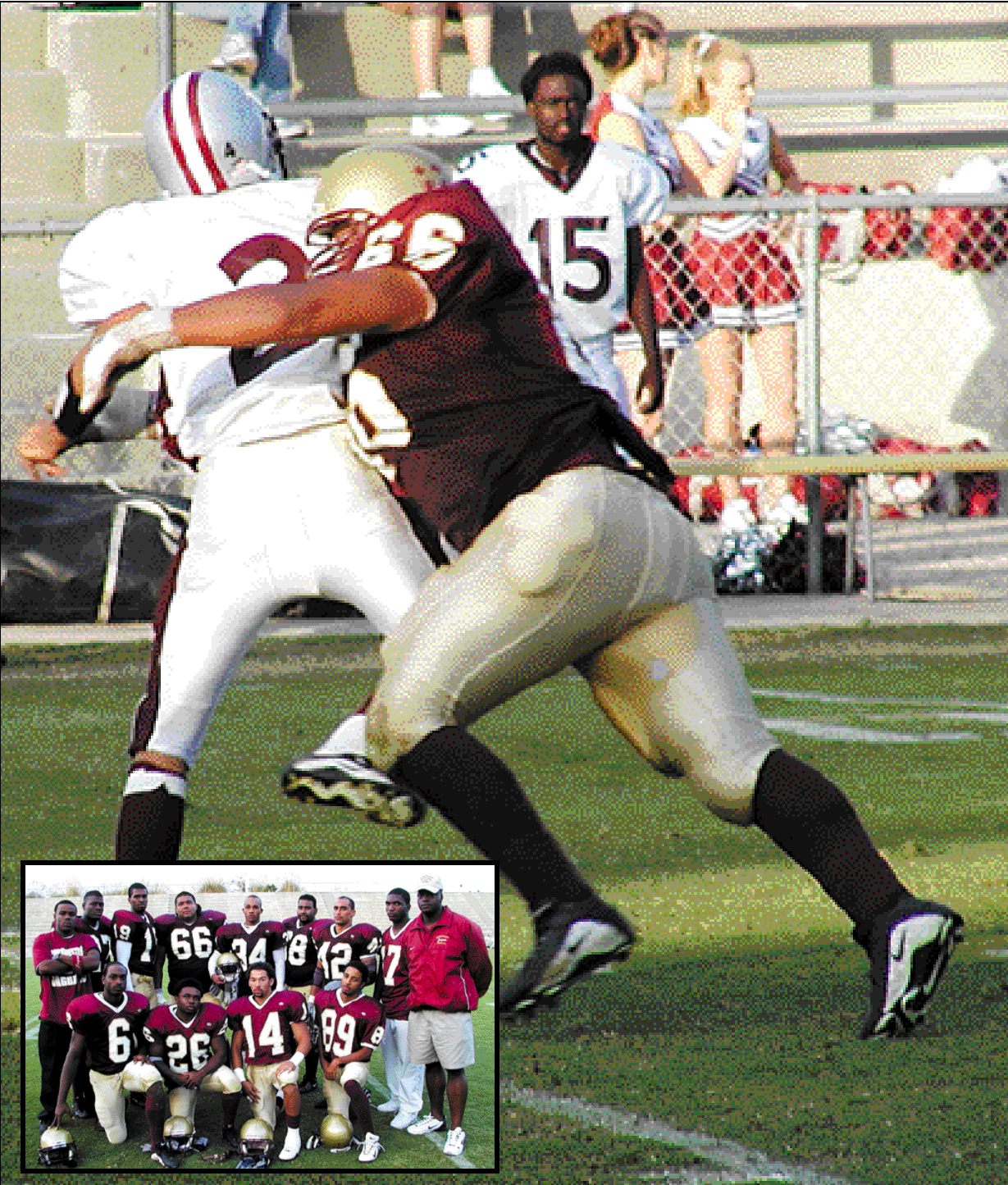
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WILLIAM WASSERSUG

H&S quarterback D.J. Johnson turns a corner for a short gain in a 14-12 loss to MCTSSA Oct. 4 at the 11 Area field.

## The next level



WILLIAM WASSERSUG

# Former TSB coach brings Marines to Southwestern

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

CHULA VISTA -- Minutes before the Southwestern College Jaguars and Antelope Valley Marauders kicked off in an afternoon matchup Saturday at Southwestern's Devore Stadium, former 1st Transportation Battalion football coach Luke Jackson was singing in the end

zone.

Jackson, now the running backs and tight ends coach at Southwestern, led the entire team, including 11 former Marines, in chants and song to psyche the team.

Jackson's motivational exercise worked -- momentarily. Southwestern jumped to a 10-0 lead before eventually dropping a 40-17 decision.

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# NFL Films shoots at Pendleton

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

If the general public hasn't already heard about Camp Pendleton's football prowess, it soon will have another chance to find out.

NFL Films was at Camp Pendleton Oct. 3 and 4, shooting footage for a segment about Mike Anderson that will air on a future NFL Presents episode.

While at Camp Pendleton, the Mt. Laurel, N.J. based production filmed interviews with current and past Camp Pendleton players and coaches. Individuals with long-time knowledge about Camp Pendleton's league were also in-

terviewed.

When most of the interviews were

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WILLIAM WASSERSUG

NFL Films cinematographer Tom Owens chats with TSB coach Mike Robbins.

# Alumni shine during weekend

WILLIAM WASSERSUG  
SPORTS EDITOR

The same week as NFL Films came to Camp Pendleton to spotlight former 11th Marines star Mike Anderson and the Camp Pendleton football program, Ander-

son turned in his finest performance of the season against the Kansas City Chiefs. One day earlier, former 7th Motors star David Minnich had a career day, scoring with his feet, hands and his arm.

One week after being shut down by the Baltimore Ravens, Anderson ran for

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Former 11th Marine standout Johnny Parra, 66, lays a hit on Antelope Valley quarterback Cory Allred during Saturday's 40-17 loss. Parra, a sophomore, is a defensive team captain for the Jaguars. Inset, former Marines, including Luke Jackson, right, fill 10 spots on Southwestern's roster.



# Hunting

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base will allow approximately 35 hunters in the field at one time. Under normal conditions, as many as 250 hunters stalk deer simultaneously, assuming maximum availability of training areas, Yoder said.

Yoder said that during rifle deer season, which starts Nov. 3, he'll allow hunting in only three or four areas at a time. Trying to cover broad chunks of territory all over the base with a handful of wardens doesn't make sense, he said.

"I have to have enough bodies to track people down and find them as soon as possible," Yoder explained. "When I've got just a few people in a large area, it makes it way too difficult."

Hunting seasons will be shorter this year, too. Rifle deer season — the most popular season on base — is being trimmed from six weekends to four. The hunt concludes Dec. 2.

Through Saturday, 145 deer tags had been issued for Camp

Pendleton. Forty-five of them were issued to civilians and are no longer valid. Those hunters can apply for refunds or request that their permits be held over until next year, Yoder said.

If current numbers hold, hunters should get multiple opportunities in the field, but Yoder expects the number of active-duty, retired and dependent hunters will increase over the next month as rifle deer season approaches. The state fills an average of 290 permits for Camp Pendleton annually, Yoder estimated.

Assuming 290 permits are issued this year, Yoder expects at least some hunters will hunt more than once. "I'm hoping to get some people out more than a few times," he said.

Many hunters typically bag a deer the first time out and won't return, Yoder reminded.

"There are gonna be people who are only gonna hunt once," he said. "The first few weekends, it'll be pretty crowded. The last few weekends, there's plenty of room."

"It's gonna take all 10 days to get all people to the field to hunt.

So it's gonna require some patience."

Lotteries to assign hunting areas will be held for each day of rifle deer hunting. The first lottery will take place sometime after two mandatory safety briefs. The briefs are schedule for Oct. 27 at 12 p.m. and Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. Rifle deer hunters must attend one of the two briefs.

While rifle deer hunters will have two fewer weekends to hunt, small game and waterfowl hunters are seeing their seasons reduced by six weeks. Seasons that normally begin in mid-October won't start until Dec. 8. Waterfowl season concludes Jan. 20. Small-game season ends Jan. 27.

Yoder said officials can't manage overlap between seasons amid squeezed staffing.

"It comes down to manpower -- us not having it and hunters being too many," Yoder said. "By starting those seasons later, it allows us to spread things out more evenly. We couldn't mix the seasons together. We just don't have enough people."

A few in the crowd volun-

teered to handle administrative tasks so game wardens would be free to patrol hunting grounds. Chris White, who heads Camp Pendleton's Resource Management Division, said officials are assessing how volunteers could be used.

The crunch means hunting hours will be fewer also. During normal conditions, hunting is sometimes allowed in the early morning and late afternoon. Now, hunting is permitted only on weekends — and the days will be shorter, too. The game wardens office will open at 5 a.m., and all hunters must return from the field by 3 p.m.

The office will open at 4:30 a.m. during waterfowl season.

While non-DoD civilians in attendance were disappointed at being sidelined, they seemed to accept the base's reasoning.

"As they said in World War II, in which I served, there's a war on," one elderly man said as he shook Yoder's hand and departed.

New, another civilian hunter, explained why he has waited so long to rifle hunt here.

"It's a good area. I've hunted here for two years of archery," said New, who lives not far from the base's boundary. "The system's run well, and it's right across the fence."

Other issues discussed at the forum:

Bill Frankel, a division chief for the Camp Pendleton Fire Department, raised the specter that the deer hunt could be canceled this weekend anyway. The forecast called for Santa Ana winds later in the week that could bump the fire danger rating to red — the highest designation.

"If we get offshore winds and Santa Ana conditions, we'll probably be going to high red," he said.

Scant rainfall this past year complicates matters, he said. Fire officials are especially leery about permitting hunting in outlying areas of the base, because housing has increased near base boundaries in recent years, Frankel said.

Frankel urged hunters to know compass locations or grid coordinates while in the field so they'll be easier to locate if they need help. "If you get us a six-

digit grid, it'll get us to the right location," he said.

One hunter asked why tree stands cannot be used on base. Yoder explained it's because there are "too few trees, and too many of those are essential to a critical ecosystem on base."

Yoder's plans to install hunting stands have fallen victim to budget cuts over the last few years, he said.

# MCTSSA

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back."

H&S had a good chance to take a lead when Jonathon Clopton intercepted a Gilliam bomb at the MCTSSA 40. H&S couldn't convert, though, punting after three plays.

Two possessions later, with time running out in the fourth quarter, H&S had driven from its own 32 to the MCTSSA 40 when Johnson forced a pass into traffic. J. Williams picked it off at the MCTSSA 20.

The interception effectively ended H&S's chances.

"We've got some new receivers out there," Johnson said. "The guy I was looking for didn't

come back for the ball. The guy who made the pick came from the other side of the field. My guy was open. He just didn't come back for it."

Johnson wasn't blaming anyone for the loss.

"We had one blown coverage," he said. "And they ran one good play. We have no excuses. We should have made the plays."

H&S dropped to 4-6 with one game left. MCTSSA improved to 4-5.

"This is a key win for us," said Vaughn, a member of last season's All-Marine football team who played for Hq&Spt. during its title run. "It may have been the make-or-break for the playoffs. Either way, we've done pretty well for a small team in its first year."

"This win was awesome, the biggest win of the year for us. We've got hard-working guys. We may not have the depth some teams have, but we have a lot of heart."

MCTSSA especially needed the win because it's an underdog in its next two games against 11th Marines and Supply.

"We need to win one of the two," Vaughn said. "It won't be

easy. Those are good teams."

# Alumni

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155 yards on 22 carries Sunday in Denver.

Anderson gained 62 yards on a touchdown run in the first quarter. He found a hole in the middle, blasted through and headed toward the right sideline. When he hit the 15, Eric Warfield caught up, but Anderson stiff-armed him.

Anderson finished the run by diving across the goal line and reaching the ball across the pylons.

Replays showed Anderson's left foot stepped out of bounds at the 3, but the Chiefs didn't challenge the call.

The touchdown was Den-

ver's longest play from scrimmage this season.

On his next offensive play, Anderson rambled 25 yards.

Anderson finished the first quarter with 95 yards on five carries with a touchdown.

Anderson showed acting ability late in the game when his play-fake fooled the defense and helped Rod Smith get open for a touchdown that gave the Broncos a 20-6 lead.

Anderson is scheduled to participate in an online question-and-answer session Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at [www.denverbroncos.com](http://www.denverbroncos.com).

In Pullman, Wash., Minnich ran for 195 yards on 34 carries to lead the Washington State Cougars to a 34-27 win over

Oregon State.

He added a 25-yard touchdown reception and threw for a 22-yard score, hitting Nakoa McElrath while throwing out of the backfield.

Minnich has run for 589 yards in five games. With six games left, Minnich has an excellent chance at gaining 1,000 yards for the season.

"He's been amazing," said Jason Hickman, Washington State's sports information assistant. "He's running like a man possessed."

Minnich's four rushing touchdowns put him in a tie for 15th best in the nation.

Washington State improved to 5-0 for the season and is 3-0 in PAC-10 play. The Broncos

improved to 3-1.

In Utah, Camp Pendleton's Athlete of the Decade, Dennis Smith, saw action in the Utes' 52-21 victory over South Florida.

Smith caught one pass for 17 yards and threw a 26-yard touchdown pass for the Utes.

In Florida, former Supply Bn. Marine Isaac Brown had nine catches for 144 yards for the Rattlers of Florida A&M in a 33-27 win over South Carolina State.

Brown leads the Rattlers with 17 catches for 204 yards and one touchdown. The rattlers are 4-1 this season, 4-0 in MEAC play.



# Paprocki takes title, others take scraps

K San Diego sailor nets 11-pound stinger despite slim pickings in season-ending tourney

BRIAN LAMAY  
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Not many fishermen -- and even fewer fish -- showed up for the not-so-grand finale of the Camp Pendleton Bassers Association's season-ending tournament Sept. 22 and 23 at Ventura County's Lake Casitas.

The venue -- which has produced multiple world-record bass over the years -- yielded only seven legal largemouths,

three of them to Naval Station San Diego's John Paprocki, who climbed from third place to win the season title in the club's inaugural year. Paprocki's stringer weighed 11.09 pounds, including the tournament's biggest fish, a 7.97-pounder.

Ten anglers showed up, including four of the top five in the season standings. Except for Paprocki, the leaders were shut out.

"It was a tough bite at Casitas. Actually, it was a tough bite all year, except for March and April, when some people did well," said club member Harry Stimmel, who entered the tournament in sixth place but wound up fifth.

Retired Marine Roosevelt Williams climbed higher than anyone over the final two days. He came into the tournament in

14th place but wound up second -- all on the strength of a single 2.35-pound keeper.

Williams finished third over the two days. Mark Vendable's two-fish stringer weighing 6.39 pounds was good for second place.

Stimmel, explaining Williams' meteoric rise, said the season-end counted for more points than other tournaments.

Mike Florendo and Red Whatley, both of 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, came into the tournament in first and second place, respectively. Both were shut out.

Florendo doesn't begrudge Paprocki the victory.

"John's a really good stick. You definitely have to worry about him. I was upset at myself for not catching a keeper fish," Florendo said.

Both Florendo and Paprocki were using plastic worms.

"I probably should have been

more patient and fished a little bit deeper structure longer than I did," Florendo said. "I was in a little bit of a hurry and started making cast after cast. I should have slowed down. I'm sure (Paprocki) was taking his time."

Stimmel couldn't remember a tournament all season in which Paprocki didn't land at least one legal fish. He couldn't say the same for anyone else.

"He knows the San Diego waters pretty well. He worked hard and made it happen," Stimmel said. "He was consistent all year."

Paprocki and rookie of the year Robert Maglio (Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, sixth place) each received a rod and reel Sunday at the club's year-end picnic.

The club plied mostly San Diego County waters this season, primarily Otay, San Vicente and El Capitan reservoirs. Tournaments

were also held at Lake Perris in Riverside County and the Colorado River.

The year-end tournament had been slated for Lake Morena but was moved to Casitas amid low water levels in San Diego County.

"There's actually only a couple of San Diego lakes you can fish at, because you can't launch any (bass) boats," Stimmel said. "We decided for a two-day tournament, we wanted to go to so-called bigger water where there's plenty of water to fish, where you're not fishing the same 300 yards of water for two days. We'd fished at Otay and El Cap so much, we wanted to do something different."

"A lot of us like to go 70 mph plus, but when you're just using a trolling motor all day, you feel closed in."

Stimmel hopes rainfall totals will increase next season, which kicks off later this month. Either way, the club will carry on, he promised.

"True bass fishermen will be there when the bite's tough," he said. "We look at it this way -- they've got to start eating sooner or later."

To inquire about the club, call GySgt. Stimmel, 725-0799, or GySgt. Florendo, 725-9648.

## Films

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done, a game between 1st Transportation Battalion and Marine Aircraft Group-39 was shot from start to finish to show the quality of the sport aboard base.

Producer Mark Morris liked what he saw.

"This was very, very impressive," Morris said. "I've been to high school games, small college games and pro. This had

the intensity of a professional game. The hitting was incredible.

"There are real talented football players here. You see it with Mike and the players in college and junior colleges. I am very impressed."

Morris especially liked TSB quarterback Mitch Webb and receiver Lee Grant.

"The quarterback on TSB has the arm and intelligence of a quality quarterback," he said. "Lee Grant really stood out. He looked like the most talented

guy out there. He played tailback and receiver. Those two stood out."

Morris liked what he saw on the other side of the ball as well.

"The corners, linebackers, the line," The show's director, Margaret Ruffing, said the idea to do a show about Anderson came from regular meetings of creative personnell.

"We have meetings and we research players," Ruffing said. "Mike did so well last year (1,487 rushing yards), we were wonder-

ing, where did he come from."

Ruffing said a colleague helped with the idea.

"Our former Editor-in-Chief, Bob Ryan, was out here last year," she said.

Like Morris, Ruffing was impressed.

"I am absolutely surprised," she said. "They (Pendleton players) say it's not such a physical game. It was such a physical game. It was intense and very entertaining."

Ruffing also came away with a different view of football cul-

ture.

"I have such respect for the Marine Corps and what they do here," she said. "Football is put in proper context on a Marine Base. You hear players and coaches talking about 'Going to war,' all the time. These guys do go to war. It shows in the way they play. I had no idea."

Ruffing said the show should air sometime over the next few months on ESPN. A daye will be set once final interviews, including Anderson, have been finished and the editing process is

underway.

Because the show is shot on traditional film rather than videotape, it still must be processed and cut.

Ruffing is convinced it will be a good one.

"I enjoyed it here," she said. "It was wonderful. This will be a great story."

## College

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For the former Marines, most of them previously stationed at Camp Pendleton and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, and a former Sailor from Naval Station San Diego, the loss was tough. But it was part of a dream for the future -- a future Jackson is working hard to build for his former military comrades.

"Mike Anderson kicked the door open for the Marines," Jackson said about the former 11th Marine Regiment star, now in his second year with the Denver Broncos after a record-breaking rookie season.

Anderson was recruited by former Marine and longtime Mt. San Jacinto College assistant coach Bob Turley, whom Jackson is joining in a campaign to send more former Marines to the next level.

"With some help, me and Coach Turley will help at this end," Jackson said.

Turley initially gave Camp Pendleton a name in lofty football circles when former 9th Communication Battalion receiver C.J. Johnson was named a junior college All-American. Johnson then headed to the University of Utah.

Anderson was next, followed by David Minnich, who is among the PAC-10's top rushers at Washington State after two years at Mt. San Jacinto.

Now, Jackson has entered the local recruiting race.

In his second year at the school, Jackson brought in 14 players who'd recently finished tours at local military bases.

Three decided to redshirt this year; another left for personal reasons.

Five saw considerable playing time in the loss to Antelope Valley.

Another former Pendleton player, defensive lineman Johnny "Big Chief" Parra (11th Marines), is a defensive team captain.

Jackson said Parra could be the next star on the Division 1 horizon.

"UNLV is on him," Jackson said. "And USC, Maryland, Iowa State and Arizona State have all looked. The sky is the limit for him. He'll make his decision by the last week of school."

"I wish him luck. He was my first recruit."

Making the team is not a sure thing for players with military credentials, Jackson said.

"You've got to come out and show what you've got," Jackson said. "If you can make the first, second or third string, you'll get a chance. Anything after that, you can redshirt."

Redshirt players can practice with the team while keeping a year of eligibility. Some players redshirt to get an extra season of experience; others do it while establishing eligibility.

As for those playing this year, Jackson said former 1st Maintenance Battalion stand-

out Kenyatta Brown and former Supply speedster Chad Donaldson have solid chances to move on.

"Kenyatta Brown is a special teams killer," Jackson said. "He could go Division 1 on special teams alone."

"Donaldson is tearing it up. He had a 76-yard kick return against San Bernardino."

Wideout Jovanim Martinez, who played with Headquarters and Support Battalion, Marine Corps Base and Marine Aircraft Group 39, said he's enjoying college, even though he hasn't played much.

"This is an athletically good environment," Martinez said. "It's a great college atmosphere. The campus is nice, the field is nice and there's a lot of exposure."

Martinez said support from Jackson and other Marines is helpful.

"Most of us have the same classes together," Martinez said. "That makes me feel more comfortable. We're older. Most of us are 23 and 24. Most of the other students are 18 or 19."

The age difference counts for a lot on the field.

"We're like the leaders," Martinez said. "We've done the parties already. We're ready to go to school, play football and get ready for the next level."

The quality of play is high, Martinez said.

"This level doesn't compare to intramural football," he said. "I think it compares more to the All-Marine level. We were playing grown men with a lot of experience."

He made one exception.

"I think if this team played last year's Base (Hq&Spt.) team or TSB two years ago, they could stand up for themselves. It would be a good game," he said.

Jackson is in his second season as a college coach. He's loving it. He also loves his regular job as a Camp Pendleton firefighter at Camp San Onofre's Station 7.

"There's nothing like doing two jobs you love," said the Brunswick, Ga., native. "I love the location (of the fire station). I work with a great crew. I'm just trying to learn as fast as I can. I really have to thank our chief, Dennis Cross, for letting me be a firefighter."

Jackson also had praise for Southwestern coach Mike Pompa, who helped him transition from intramurals to college.

"He (Pompa) saw me when I was coaching the Marine team against the sheriff's," Jackson said. "He asked me if I wanted to work. He liked the way I coached. Then he brought me down."

Former Marines on the roster include Jermaine Cousins (Maintenance Bn.), Aaron Sutton and las Abdul-Aziz (Miramar), Anthony Caldwell (H&S), Sean Miller (MAG-39) and Tremaine Morrow (Edson Range).

Redshirt players include Cleve Johnson (Hq&Spt.), Steven Price (Hq&Spt.) and Charles Dabney (11th

Marines), who is out with an injury.

Naval Station San Diego's Tyrone Cannon, who never played at Camp Pendleton, is also on the roster and plays regularly.



## Youth Soccer Roundup

### Sept 29 Under-6 Lightning Bolts vs. Green Hornets

Kyle Bogue played a strong defensive game. Miceala Henry assisted in many plays.

### Blue Thunder vs. Green Giants

Wyatt Sutherby showed outstanding soccer skills. Brandon Yagla kept the scoring to a minimum with his fantastic defensive skills.

The offensive attack was led by Zachary Duenas who scored the first Giants goal. Katlynd Taylor led the defense on the other end of the field.

### Killer Bees vs. Red Dragons

James Siegfried played great defense. Leith Schmidlein was awesome on the attack.

Graham Cassel and Boots Hawthorne scored the first goals of their soccer careers. Savannah Loberger played great defense and had awesome passing skills.

### Storm vs. Silver Bullets

Mara Rocco played an outstanding game with a great performance on offense. Andrew Hahne was superb on defense. Annie Asuncion gave her all for the team.

James Engel played excellent defense. Cassie Teriele blocked several goals. Christopher Cano displayed superb offensive skills.

**Fury vs. Orange Magic**  
Ina Thigith played excellent defense and blocked a goal. Anthony Borack played hard and assisted in Team Fury's efforts.

Samantha Manzanares played a key defensive position blocking many shots on goal. Eryck Jorgensen took an aggressive stance on offense, assisting in the scoring of a goal.

### Under-8 Fireballs vs. Leopards

Ashley Yagla showed her love for the game as a forward with many attempts on goal. Jordin Phillips, with the help of goalie William Ohrberg stopped the Leopard's drives.

Trenton Jones played a solid game on defense. Chris Childers and Bianca Jamara aggressively chased the ball all over the field.

### Orange Crush vs. Raptors

Tyler Skidmore scored goals to lead the way. Nick Krenek scored and had a scoreless half in goal the second half.

Taylor Henry made several saves in net. Miguel Medina had an outstanding day on both offense and defense. Manami Lytle showed her outstanding skills on both sides of the field.

### Shooting Stars vs. Wildcats

Andrew Smith played outstanding defense. Devon Batchelor had a scoreless half in the net.

Stephen Witt showed great goalie skills, stopping many shots. Kyle Kaufer played solid midfield.

### Little Rockets vs. Scorpions

Samuel Brown played a key role as midfielder, stopping several drives. Amanda Libert supported her team as a strong midfielder and defender.

In an intense game, Javier Cartagena, Ryan Guidino, and Nanet Kubica played aggressive and undying defense and really rallied their team.

### Little Green Devils vs. Gators

Shakir Syed had a lot of great shots and scored. Matthew Coffin had big kicks on defense getting the ball upfield to the offense.

Molly Hertz gave her all, and had great defensive plays for the Gators. Taylor Turner moved the ball and passed with precision to her teammates.

### Wild vs. Knights

Megan Sandstede made great plays on defense. Nathan Sandstede played hard and pursued the ball.

Brooke Harmon and Ryan Ripps played great on defense. Ryne Woodard had a superb offensive effort for the Knights.

### Under-10 King Cobras 5, Wizards 0

John Cashman had an outstanding game scoring goals for the win. Jordan Flores was aggressive in the net saving several attempts by the Wizards.

Ryan Way did a great job in the net. Jose Mercado played fantastic defense. Sarah Girling ran the ball upfield throughout the game.

### Titans 4, Tigers 4

Devonte Lewis played great offense and scored a goal. Alex Casado played great in the midfield position. James Abney had a hat-trick.

Tyler Henson played an excellent game for the Tigers. Nathaniel Gonzales was superb on offense. Tialani Paulo had a powerkick in the defensive side of the field.

### Purple Panthers 4, Sharks 4

Gabi Falco scored two goals. David Tee had a great game in the net for the Panthers.

Issac Zapata's great footwork provided a spark to the offense. Brittny Lippert played great on defense.

### Vipers 3, Diablos 3

Nicholas Groen played great defense for the Vipers. Steven Logan was great at fullback. Weston Crim was an outstanding forward.

Xavier Bonner was excellent on defense. Max O'Brien, Justin Noboa, and Tyler Olsen all scored.

### Aliens 5, Blue Angels 2

Conley Bendel's strong foot scored off a direct kick and assisted fellow defenders Rachel Gall and Josh Guiles in stopping many Angel drives. Josh Guiles was solid in net during the first half.

Julia Garcia played her hardest and gave all she could through the game. Jordan McGuire played a good game and never gave up the Angel spirit.

### Diamondbacks 1, Blazers 1

Angelina Smith played like a veteran her first time in net. Stacey Alt played like a superstar shooting the ball left and right at the goal.

Valerie Seefeld led the offense with a goal and numerous opportunities to score. Trey Carter played outstanding defense stopping the D-backs' aggressive attack.

### Under-13 Chargers 1, Raging Leprechauns 0

The brother and sister team of Kamren and Tiera Halfacre played tough on both sides of the field. Devina Tee had the only goal of the game.

Shanika Cormier hustled on offense and defense to help her team get many shots on goal. Brittany Barnett helped cover the goal to limit the Chargers' attempts.

### Big Green 2, Devildogs 1

Carlos Medellin played outstanding and scored the winning goal. Chandler Mella had one assist that tied up the score.

Anthony Bonner cleared the ball well on defense. Chris Rawlins played scrappy for the Dogs.

### Cherry Bombs 2, Killer Grapes 1

Miranda Nelson had a great defensive game. Christopher Halbritter worked the ball aggressively on offense. Richie Herrera was awesome in goal.

Nick Amidon's exciting saves

and exceptional midfield play kept his team close. Shawn Lund shut down the attack with his superior defensive play.

**Muddy Ducks 3, Bengals 2**  
Zac Beaudreault scored the winning goal in the last minute of the game. Cerke Yonker prevented the Bengals' from scoring on many occasions.

Tiffany Benjamin played aggressively at forward. Buddy Hawthorne stepped up to the pressure at goalie with over four saves during the second half.

### Under-18

#### Warriors 6, Galaxy 2

After a slow start, the Warriors blazed back with major offensive plays by James Martinez and Jon Trejo who both scored.

Krystle Jordan's awesome defense held the Warrior's lead in the first half. Sean Alt and Kenneth Gray's offensive skills kept the ball on the Warriors side the first half.

#### Gremlins 6, Apple Jacks 5

Eleno Silva was the firecracker on the field, where there was trouble he was there. Cassie Boyle scored one of the goals with her unstoppable offense. Heather Groves played superb defense and stopped many Jacks attempts.



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SECTION D



SGT. MATTHEW SHAW

PFC Amir Noweder of 7th Engineer Support Battalion's Marksmanship Training Unit stands by to "disk" the scoring on his target. Below, Marines in the pits pull targets as Marines on the firing line send rounds downrange.

SGT. MATTHEW SHAW  
STAFF WRITER

The smell of stale sweat and lubricant with a hint of gunpowder lingers in the noses and minds of Marines as they typically stumble into their uniforms well before the sun floods Camp Pendleton with light. Marines still teetering on the brink of slumber routinely gather gear they'll need to fire successfully on the rifle range. But today, the shooters are double-checking their gear with great care. Today is qualification day.

At the armory, Marines lubricate their rifles' moving parts and set their sights for their first string of fire from the 200-yard line. They recall the fundamentals of marksmanship they've focused on the past week.

Dense fog filling Wilcox Range gives the valley an eerie luminescence as shooters make their way to their firing points and others to their targets in the "pit."

Marines who shoot in the morning pick up their ammunition and fill their

magazines as shooters in the pit strap targets to carriages. Shortly after the sun makes its welcome appearance, a breeze begins to sweep fog from the valley and sleepiness from the eyes. The action begins.

"TARGETS! Get all dog targets high in the sky!" booms a voice in the pit.

A single high-pitched "POP" pierces the silence of the morning as lead cuts through a paper and plastic target like the first drop of a rainstorm. Heavy showers follow, highlighted by the echoing thunder of rifles firing over a berm from 200 yards away.

Meanwhile, on the firing line, Marines engage their targets from the sitting, kneeling and standing positions. Some shooters adjust their positions; others toss away rocks digging into their skin. All shooters focus on one thing -- the crystal-clear tip of the front sight post.

Controlled breathing, correct trigger control, proper sight alignment and sight picture are the tools that put points on the shooters' scorecards.

"SHOT 49! 49!" a Marine yells over the applause of lead hitting targets in the pit. Another Marine re-

sponds by pulling down his target, marking the shot and raising it quickly to give the shooter on the firing line ample time to aim before shooting.

After the shooters fire on the 200-, 300- and 500-yard lines -- the full qualification -- Marines on the line and in the pit change places, and the evolution begins again.

Shooters who score at least 25 out of 60 points qualify and return to the range one more day for additional training -- this time, a more combat-oriented string of fire. As shooters hustle from position to position, they are bogged down by combat gear. They gasp for air through hot, stuffy gas masks and fight to keep their eyes open as sweat streaks their faces.

In the end, Marines return to their armories to scour their weapons for next week's shooters.



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A lone Marine remains on the firing line waiting to see his final shot marked downrange. Below, safety rules are posted all around the firing line as Marines fire.



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